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Sir:

This is in response to the February 22, 2005 Non-Final Office Action in the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period expired on May 22, 2005. A petition for a two-month extension of time and fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are enclosed herewith, extending the deadline to July 22, 2005. Therefore, this response is timely filed.